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# The New York Federation of Churches

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SUBMITS TO THE CHURCHES, ITS SUPPORTERS, AND THE PUBLIC, THE FOLLOWING

# WORK RECORD

## October 25—December 8

AS REPORTED TO ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS DECEMBER 8, BY ITS EXECUTIVE STAFF, IN EXECUTION OF THE BOARD'S OUTLINE OF DEPARTMENTAL WORK, 1914-1915, AS APPROVED BY THE ADVISORY COUNCIL, JUNE 18, 1914, AND DEFINED AS FOLLOWS:

I

Give first place to development of responsibility districts in Federation's 38 Clergy and Laity League areas of Greater New York.

II

Issue directory of churches by tracts, for Greater New York.

(*a*) Memberships 1901, 1906 (Federal Census Religion), 1913-14.
(*b*) List work for foreign-born.
(*c*) Clergy lists.
(*d*) Interpretation of tract results, with maps.

Issue maps of churches.
Secure tabulation of State Census, 1915, by tracts.

III

Continue: (*a*) Church Vacation Schools, 10th season.
(*b*) Clerical Conference, 5th season.
Enlist members in commissions and departments.
(*c*) Law Enactment Bureau.
(*d*) Laity League.
Enlist members in commissions and departments.
(*e*) All other existing departments.

IV

Develope Committees or Commissions as far as possible as follows:

(*a*) Child Welfare.
(*b*) Religious Education:
After School Plan.
Gary, Ind., Plan.
(*c*) Immigrant Welfare:
English; Civics; Naturalization.
(*d*) Housing and City Plan.
(*e*) Economic Conditions:
Saloon Waste.
War Waste.
(*f*) Recreation:
Censorships.

## *DEPARTMENTAL WORK*

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*New York contains 1 of every 19 of the nation's population; 1 in 66 is involved in the following progress of Protestant.*

### RESPONSIBILITY DISTRICT EXTENSION.

**W. 62nd—W. 126th Streets, 219,000 people.**

**Canon John P. Peters** (Nov. 10), **Dr. S. DeLancey Townsend** (Nov. 17), **Dr. Frank Oliver Hall** (Nov. 20), **Chaplain Knox** (Nov. 19), the four neighborhood chairmen of the West Side Clergy and Laity League, have gathered the neighborhood clergy in four meetings to divide the territory among the churches in responsibility districts. The whole population, from 62nd Street to 110th Street, with the exception of a few small districts, has been assigned.

The League's Executive Committee, meeting with **Dr. Anthony H. Evans,** President (Dec. 4), has put much time on preparing the form of its co-operative advertising. $300 will be spent by the League to put co-operative invitations to worship over every family threshold. 50,000 handsome folders will be printed.

From 110th to 126th Streets there is a difficulty in the fact that the Cathedral of St. John the Divine is not supposed to have a parochial policy. Unless it changes plan, the district has only one Protestant church to 20,000 people.

From 94th to 110th Streets the average assignment is over 10,000 persons.

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**W. 14th St.—W. 62nd Street, 268,000 people.**

**Dr. Jefferson, Broadway Tabernacle,** will send out notice for territory south of 62nd Street to 46th Street as soon as the Federation can undertake to be represented at the meeting.

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In **Bronx, (600,000 people),** the League holds a meeting Dec. 18th. In two sections of **Brooklyn, (250,000 people),** the churches are asking for assistance in developing the plan.

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On **Staten Island, (80,000 people),** the work took definite shape in the formation of an official ministers' union, which will promote co-operative responsibility, Dec. 2, **Canon Pascal Harrower,** President.

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There is absolutely no doubt that the Federation's responsibility district plan has taken hold of the conviction of the Protestant churches in Greater New York. It needs a staff of assistant secretaries for its full development.

## CLERICAL CONFERENCE.

On November 27th, eighteen out of twenty-two members of the Clerical Conference Committee were present at its meeting. That afternoon **Archdeacon Cunningham, of Ely, England,** spoke to about 150 clergy on "War and Civilization."

**Dr. Nehemiah Boynton,** Chairman of the Committee, has plans well in hand for Clerical Conference meetings up to May next.

The next meeting, December 16, will deal with the unemployment problem.

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## ECONOMIC CONDITIONS COMMITTEE

**Canon George William Douglas,** Chairman.

Twenty members of this Committee attended its meeting November 27th, and appointed a programme committee on plans for developing interest in international peace in the churches of New York. The speakers' list of the New York Peace Society has been placed at the service of this Committee, of which Mr. Laidlaw is Chairman. In addition, ten other speakers have volunteered. **Mr. William W. Ellsworth,** President Century Company, is giving, free, whatever appointments are made for him by the Federation, an illustrated address for which he ordinarily receives a handsome honorarium, with the understanding that an offering be taken and sent to the Belgium Relief Fund. At the West Side Y. M. C. A., December 6th the offering was about $30.

A speakers' list will be issued shortly.

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## INTER-CHURCH UNEMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE

### Administrative Section

*Nehemiah Boynton, D.D., Chairman
*Walter Laidlaw, Recording Secretary

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| George B. Agnew | Frederick Lynch |
| *Mrs. Francis M. Bacon, Jr. | Henry M. MacCracken |
| David Baines-Griffiths | Charles S. Macfarland |
| W. W. Bellinger | *Thomas S. McLane |
| *Charles L. Bernheimer | J. Howard Melish |
| *William C. Breed | William P. Merrill |
| Arthur J. Brown | George F. Parker |
| Henry E. Cobb | Karl Reiland |
| Frank M. Crouch | Junius B. Remensnyder |
| Jonathan C. Day | Theodore Sedgwick |
| *George William Douglas | Charles L. Slattery |
| Howard Duffield | *Ernest M. Stires |
| Raymond B. Fosdick | Charles L. Thompson |
| Frank Oliver Hall | George U. Wenner |
| John Haynes Holmes | Luther B. Wilson |
| *Miss Frances A. Kellor | Cornelius Woelfkin |
| *Landreth H. King | S. Edward Young |

*Members of Executive Committee

*Inter-Church Unemployment Committee.—(Continued)*

**Advisory Section**

Robert Fulton Cutting, Chairman.

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| Louis Annin Ames | Samuel McCune Lindsay |
| Leo Arnstein | D. J. McMahon |
| J. G. Bacchus | Marcus M. Marks |
| Wm. Sheafe Chase | Mrs. Walter E. Maynard |
| Julius Henry Cohen | Mrs. Frederick B. Pratt |
| Ralph M. Easley | Thomas J. Riley |
| David H. Greer | Samuel Schulman |
| Mrs. Edward S. Harkness | Joseph Silverman |
| Mrs. Helen Hartley Jenkins | Gaylord S. White |
| John A. Kingsbury | Stephen S. Wise |

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This special committee, appointed November 27 by President King on the request of Canon Douglas, Chairman of the Economic Conditions Committee, was instituted as a result of a request from the social workers of the city for the formation by the Federation of a committee to express and direct the interest of the churches in the unemployment problem. The membership of the committee, so far as its clergymen are concerned, is largely the same as that of the Economic Conditions Committee, but at the request of Canon Douglas, Dr. Boynton, as an active pastor, is the Chairman of the Administrative Section of the Committee, with Mr. Robert Fulton Cutting as Chairman of the associated Advisorv Section.

**Rev. Charles Stelzle** is engaged for three months as Secretary to work under the direction of the Executive Committee. Mr. Stelzle commenced work December 8.

The general definition of the functions of this Committee is:

1st.—To coöperate with governmental authorities in the establishment and development of public employmen agencies by state and city, and with other relief measures;

2nd.—To cöoperate with business, labor and charitable organizations, by means of special committees, and to prevent duplication in dealing with the unemployment problem;

3rd.—To be a means of communication between various churches dealing with unemployment, to the end of unifying and standardizing such work, so that it may be made more effective;

4th.—To recommend various measures for individual church action to the churches and synagogues of New York City for the solution of the unemployment problem, and also to recommend measures for district and neighborhood work, in the same interest, to the borough sections mapped by the Federation;

5th.—To gather systematically from the churches exact information as to cases handled, problems met, work done or undone, in the parishes' experience with unemployment this winter, for possible use in encouraging, stimulating or demanding future governmental action for the permanent solution of the problem.

6th.—To treat the unemployment problem as a problem of applied religion.

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## INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE GIVEN

*Population Research, District Equipment and Other Departments*

**Ascension P. E. Church,** 24 charts, suggesting neighborhood responsibility district service, as drawn up by Federation in 1912. Dr. Grant in sending for them wrote on sample an instruction to his secretary as follows: "Keep this before Ascension Parish as a standard. Send one to every member of the vestry and one to me."

**Harlem Y. M. C. A., Mr. F. H. Revell** supplied with statistics to determine policy of new building.

This information has been acknowledged by him as—"Just what I wanted." It will have its part in determining expenditure of a considerable sum of money from the $4,000,000 Y. M. C. A. Fund.

**Women's International Patriotic League,** three meetings arranged for Ex-Senator Frank J. Cannon, of Utah, in West-Park Presbyterian Church, Labor Temple, and Tremont Methodist Church.

These meetings are designed to arouse interest in the passage of an amendment to the Federal Constitution to prevent the Mormon Church, which is still polygamous, from strengthening its grip as a political power in the West.

**Horace Mann School,** nationality distribution in New York. 31 copies of the Federation's single sheet tabulation were supplied this school for use in study of Social Service class, and paid for at 20c. each.

**Congregational Church Extension Society,** church distribution on University Heights.

A Congregational Church on Manhattan Island is compelled to move. Information given Dr. Shelton, the secretary of the Church Extension Committee, is designed to determine where perhaps $200,000 shall be spent.

**Columbia University,** Distribution of Nationalities in Manhattan and Bronx.

*Information and Assistance Given.—(Continued)*

**Broadway Tabernacle,** Church and charity distribution in Tabernacle's parish.
Americans in New York.

**St.. Peter's Church, Westchester,** information about Federation's history.

**Committee of Mercy,** eight inquiries answered to assist it in raising funds.

**Brooklyn Lutheran Mission,** Nationality distribution in Brooklyn.

**Methodist Episcopal City Mission,** Nationality distribution, Manhattan and Bronx.

**John Hall Memorial,** suggestion of lecturers.

**Y. M. C. A.. West Side,** course of four lectures arranged for Sunday afternoons in December, speakers William W. Ellsworth, President Century Company; Canon Douglas; Dr. Arthur J. Brown and Mr. Laidlaw.

**Mt. Morris Baptist Church,** suggestion of peace class and possible leader.

**Clinton Avenue Congregational Church,** list of church forums in New York.

**Wall Street Journal,** population below Chambers Street.

**St. Thomas P. E. Church,** work of Federal Council of Churches.

**Rutgers Presbyterian Church,** religious character of neighborhood.

**Temple Shearith Israel Sisterhood,** sex distribution of Manhattan and Bronx.

**All Angels P. E. Church,** cards for neighborhood survey.

**Methodist Preachers,** speakers secured for weekly meeting.

**Bound Brook, N. J.,** forms for religious canvass supplied.

**New York Journal,** Whitfield Anniversary suggestions.

**Lafayette Avenue Friends Church,** methods of coöperation with neighboring churches supplied.

**Greensboro, N. C.,** suggestions to exclude immoral plays asked for and given.

**Evangelistic Committee,** location of Protestant Polish churches in New York.

**District Columbia Playgrounds Association,** congestion in New York.

**Professor Giddings,** Columbia University, tabulation methods.

**Belgium Relief Fund,** churches of New York and neighborhood informed of opening of uptown branch and encouraged to use it.

**Mrs. Elmer Black,** churches addressed in interest of betterment work.

**Y. W. C. A.,** Manhattan, lecture course suggestions.

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## *SECRETARY'S ADDRESSES*

Topic: **"Four Days in a German Military Prison and Their Lessons,"** unless otherwise noted.

Oct. 25. Presbyterian Labor Temple, 500. Subject: "Church Federation."

26. Woodlawn Reformed Men's Club, Brooklyn, 125.

Nov. 1. West 23rd Street Y. M. C. A., 150.

9. Rutherford, N. J., Presbyterian Men's Club, 175.

11. East Orange Lincoln School Association, 100.

19. Religious Press Club, 20.
Staten Island, C. E. Union, 125. Subject: "Church Federation."

29. St. James P. E. Church Forum, 200.

Dec. 6. Y. W. C. A., Brooklyn, 40.

*"I wish this address might be given before every church in New York City," FREDERICK LYNCH, Secretary, Church Peace Union.*

**Advance Appointments**

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Dec. 13. West Side Clergy and Laity League—Anti-Mormonism Meeting.

14. Philadelphia Baptist Ministers' Association.

15. Borough Park Presbyterian, Brooklyn.

16. Unitarian Club, Manhattan Hotel.

18. Bronx Clergy and Laity League.—Responsibility District and Anti-Mormonism Meeting.

20. West Side Y. M. C. A.

23. John Hall Memorial Men's Club.

27. Washington Avenue Baptist Church, Brooklyn.

31. Smithtown, L. I., Community Meeting.

Jan. 7. Centre Church, New Haven, Conn., Men's Club.

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## *DIRECTIONS FOR DECEMBER-JANUARY WORK, ISSUED DECEMBER 8*

1. Commence Immigration Committee work,
   Jonathan C. Day, D.D., Chairman.

2. Organize Religious Education Committee.

3. Plan Recreation and Housing and City Plan Committees.